and totally disastrous; if so, whether Government propose to abolish the system?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA): (a) No, Sir. The guidelines of the Government of India for accountability of scientific institutions and for setting up goals for each of them, are followed by CSIR, ICAR and ICMR.

(b) No, Sir. The present system of rotation of heads of divisions in ICAR institutes is working smoothly. The question of its abolition therefore does not airse.

Setting up of Hydrological Research Centre and Allied Laboratories in Assam

†2356. SHRI NAGEN SAIKIA: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the plan and estimates for the Hydrological Research Centre and Allied Laboratories proposed to be set up in Assam have been finalised;

(b) if so, what is the estimated cost of the project; and

(c) by when construction work is likely to be started?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) and (b) The estimate for setting up of a Hydrological Research Centre and Allied Laboratories proposed to be set up in Assam at a cost of Rs. 415.50 lakhs has been prepared and is under consideration by the Brahmaputra Board.

(c) The construction work is proposed to be started in 1987-88, subject to sanction and the availability of funds.

†Previously Unstarred Question 1636 transferred from the 20th November, 1986.

Geothermal Energy Tapping

$2357. SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have examined the potential of tapping geothermal energy in Gujarat; if so, what are the details thereof;

(b) whether Geothermal energy has been tapped anywhere else in the country; if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) whether Government are aware of warm water streams near Tulsi-shyam in Gujarat and whether it is a fact that such points have very high potential of exploiting geothermal energy; and

(d) whether Government of Gujarat have requested the Centre to carry out the survey and identify potential locations for tapping geothermal energy; if so, what is Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF MINES IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRIMATI RAM DULARI SINHA): (a) Yes, Sir. Only reconnaissance surveys and preliminary investigations have been carried out so far.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Yes, Sir. But, from the reconnaitory surveys conducted so far it has not been possible to assess the potential at this stage.

(d) Yes, Sir. The proposal is presently being examined by Central Electricity Authority, New Delhi with regard to feasibility of power generation.

Kimberlite Testing Plant

2358. SHRI TALARI MANOHAR: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to set up Kimberlite testing plant at Racherla, Kurnool

$Previously Unstarred Question 1940, transferred from the 24th November, 1986.